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4. [] Briefed Mr. Woodruff on the Soviet MRV test of 26 April and on the continuing indications of uncertainty in the Soviet leadership situation.

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5. [] and I called on Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D., S. C.) regarding our problems with the Ervin bill (S. 782). We recalled how helpful Senator Hollings had been on this matter during the last session of Congress and explained to him the status of the bill in this session. We said we would appreciate Senator Hollings' advice on whether, and if so how, we might raise the matter with Senator Strom Thurmond, who is a member of Senator Ervin's Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee which has jurisdiction over the bill. Senator Hollings said that because of political differences, he would prefer not to contact Senator Thurmond in our behalf, but thought it would be useful for us to do so directly. Senator Hollings felt we had a strong case and should not hesitate to present it to most or all members of the Subcommittee despite the fact that Senator Ervin would, as in the past, accuse us of lobbying. Hollings indicated that we shouldn't expect much help from Senators Russell or Stennis, remarking that Russell's effectiveness has suffered from his bad health and Stennis was "overwhelmed" by the problems he had inherited as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Hollings said he would like to get a world roundup briefing from us at the first opportunity, and will call us as soon as he can fit it into his schedule.

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